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Honorable Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is the submission requirement for a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated November 2, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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